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FROM NEWSOM FOR CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN MISPERCEPTIONS OF THE PARIS MEETING

1. I SAW ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE YESTERDAY (6/7),
MAINLY TO DISCUSS ZAMBIAN VIEWS OF THE NEXT STEPS IN THE
NAMIBIAN AND RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS. WE BROKE LITTLE NEW
GROUND IN THE CONVERSATION (REPORTED SEPTTEL), BUT IT
BECAME EVIDENT THAT THE ZAMBIANS ARE CONCERNED THAT OUR
PARIS DISCUSSIONS WILL LEAD TO A PERMANENT, FRENCH-
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SPONSORED INTERVENTION FORCE. IN RESPONSE TO THIS
CONCERN, I MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS, WHICH I WOULD LIKE
YOU TO REITERATE TO MARK CHONA OR ANOTHER APPROPRIATE
STATE HOUSE CONTACT ASAP:

-- WE HAVE NOT GIVEN OUR SUPPORT TO THE IDEA OF AN
AFRICAN FORCE THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE IN

OTHER THAN THE PRESENT SHABA CONTEXT.

-- THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST
IN CONTRIBUTING FORCES HAVE TO DATE ALL BEEN FRANCOPHONE.
ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN ORGANIZING THE
FORCE, WE ARE CERTAIN THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS IN PARIS MEET-
ING WOULD WELCOME CONTINGENTS FROM ANGLOPHONE COUNTRIES
AND ENDORSEMENT BY OAU. VANCE

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